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Dutch Prince Johan Friso shows "minimal consciousness"

THE HAGUE -- Dutch Prince Friso, who has been in a coma since February this year, has shown occasional signs of minimal consciousness, the Netherlands Government Information Service RVD reported yesterday.

The RVD emphasized that the prognosis remains very uncertain and that the medical team is "still very concerned." It will take many months before there is more clarity.

The Dutch royal family thanked the media for their restraint in reporting about the condition of Friso. His wife Princess Mabel expressed her feelings on Twitter. "This is the



most challenging period of my life. My love for Friso, the support of family and friends, and the many signs of compassion

give me strength in these difficult times," she stated

On February 17, the now 44-year-old Prince was buried under an avalanche, while he was skiing in Austria. He was covered by snow for 25 minutes and had a cardiac arrest of 50 minutes. The lack of oxygen damaged his brains. In March, he was moved to a hospital in his residence in London.

Friso is the second son of Dutch Queen Beatrix and the late Prince Claus and the younger brother of Willem-Alexander, heir of Beatrix. He and his wife have two daughters.

Welfare Recovery Stipend to be increased

ORANJESTAD -- The government has recently announced that everyone earning less than Afsl. 2.500 per month will receive financial assistance. This is something completely new for Aruba. In Holland, this is a practice in effect for many years. They call it the "huurtoeslag" (rent allowance) "zorgtoeslag," (care allowance), and the "kinderopvangtoeslag," (childcare allowance). Everyone of these allowances are to help families with low incomes to pay basic expenses such as rent, medical insurance premiums or to pay for day-care school to take care of children whose parents have to work.

During a National Social

Dialogue it became evident that those in our community with incomes less than Afsl.2.500 monthly are having great difficulty making ends meet. Inflation caused by BBO and the price of fuel oil affected the buying power on Aruba enormously during the last few years.

The law to increase the welfare recovery stipend is on its way to Parliament. The Welfare Recovery Stipend will be increased from Afsl.75 to Afsl.100 per month for those with a minimum wage salary. It will continue on a sliding scale up to those with an income of Afsl.2.500 who were receiving Afsl.25. This amount will now become Afsl.50.



The government has decided that they will carry the weight of this increase. Because Aruba's public finances are not in a very good position, they have decided on a modest amount for this assistance. The height of the stipend began at Afsl.900.00 per year for someone earning minimum wages, up to Afsl.300.00 per year for someone earning Afsl.2.500 per month. If there is more than one person in a family earning wages in this category they will also be eligible for the stipend. In a home where there are 2 persons earning minimum wages, this assistance will mean that they will have an improvement of Afsl.1.800 per year, which is Afsl.150 extra income per

month for that home.

The law to increase the Welfare Recovery Stipend is on its way to Parliament to be ratified and approved and be

implemented as of January 1st, 2013. The government is convinced that this is the best way to help those most in need in a most direct manner.



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Holiday spirit comes to Hard Rock Café with a feature episode of “Regalo”

One of Aruba's most beloved holiday traditions is the weekly episodes of the seasonal TV program “Regalo” on ATV, Channel 15. Co-hosts Ruben Garcia and Cherrydine Muller highlight holiday events, shopping and heartwarming stories each week until New Year's Eve.

This past Friday evening, diners at Hard Rock Café enjoyed some authentic local holiday entertainment while dining al fresco on their restaurants attractive patio. Local Gaita Group, “Sabroso” provided holiday cheer with the lively music that is unique to the season.

The mood was most festive for service staff and customers who were treated to an hour of



Hard Rock welcomes Ruben Garcia and Regalo

entertainment originating in the Zulia region of Venezuela, but a favorite on Aruba. Gaita groups are fronted by young

female singers in striking outfits. The lyrics are quite original (in Venezuela, often political) and the background is punctuated by the traditional tamboras (drums) and the goat skin (gaita) membranes of the “furro,” another instrument from which the groups get their name.

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Yogen Früz opens at the Renaissance Marketplace

A healthy, sweet, refreshing treat is now available at the Renaissance Marketplace with the recent opening of Yogen Früz the famous Canadian frozen yogurt franchise. Patrons have a choice of six flavors of serve-yourself fresh frozen yogurt from which they can produce their own customized sundaes, or made to order smoothies with the fruit and flavoring of choice.

Plenty of comfortable seating is provided in the mall's main corridor to relax and enjoy the balmy breezes and a tasty treat. Frozen yogurt is made with milk, so the fat content is far less than ice



cream. It provides several necessary nutrients as well as



Pointers to Ponder?

Tony A.D. Green

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What can we learn from Obama's win?



After all the hype, noise, flow of adrenalin, what can we learn from the big win of Barack Obama? There are very obvious lessons to learn, which would do us (Arubans) well to learn. Let me point out some of the lessons that I have observed and learned from:

First: We must take our losses with grace and determine to accept it, no matter how much losing hurts. Mitt Romney's loss hurt, but he had to accept his loss in order to be able to move on. In Aruba, this is a lesson we have yet to learn. Whether in the political realm or in life in general, it is critical that we learn to accept loss and to do so gracefully. And, in my view, you don't win because the other person lost. No, you win when you can truly understand and empathize with the loss of another!

As I analyze the whole scenario. The American Tea Party

got beaten. Many of their candidates lost major senate seats that the Republican Party had taken for granted. The Tea Party seemed to have isolated Governor Romney from mainstream voters. They linked him to an ideology he could not get away from as he desperately tried to move to the middle in the last weeks of the campaign. The lesson I learn from this is very potent: Those who shout the loudest often don't command the votes you need to win.

Second: In a society comprised of many differences, cultures and races, to focus on one single group and alienating others is very detrimental to your success. If we are to suc-

ceed, we must invite people in, not shut them out. Local Aruban politics would do well to learn this lesson. People here get labeled and once that has happened, those who are not under your particular label get isolated. Obama succeeded because he invited everyone in!

Third: Being consistent is crucial to your success. Romney failed to understand that you don't succeed by being everything to everyone. When with the Jones' he spoke as the Jones and held to Jones' views. When with the Jill's he spoke as the Jill's and held to Jill's views. Stop telling people what you know they want to hear and start telling it just like it is! He tried to be a right-winger on some issues and a moderate on others. When you do that you sacrifice your credibility....that is what killed Romney!

Fourth: Whether in a crisis like the Sandy hurricane, or the economic crisis of 2008, we need each other! We must create and support a sense of community and togetherness.

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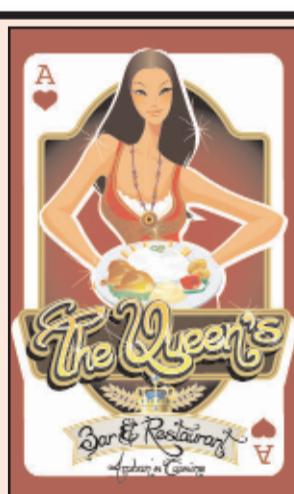
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Individuals make countries great. The individual, Betico Croes, Shon A. Eman, made Aruba great, but no individual can succeed without the multiplied support and investment of time and energy by all the rest of us! Romney failed to convey this concept.

Fifth: We cannot play obstructionist and be a naysayer and accomplish our goals. Case in point, if there is any indication of doubt, fear or trepidation of any size by the people, we cannot simply trod

on in oblivion (Urirama case). We must be willing to negotiate meaningful compromises, if we are to succeed. Obama has constantly demonstrated willingness to reach across the table, to lay aside party differences to achieve the wider goal for the benefit of all.

Sixth: We must be big enough, mature enough, to stop campaigning after the election and to buckle down with a resolve to look forward, to move forward. This is a lesson we have not learned in

Aruba. It is so ridiculous to listen to politicians here, even three years after election still talk about the 'failures' of a previous politician or predecessor. We seem to continue to live in the past. Obama said, about Romney... "now I will see how we can work together in the coming months!"

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Bon Bini Festival is tonight



The weekly Bon Bini Festival takes place tonight at the Fort Zoutman in Wilhelminastraat. Bon Bini Festival is the only weekly folkloric event on the island. Come mingle with the locals and enjoy a taste of Aruban culture.

This week the festival will feature music by the traditional Aruba caha di orgel, folkloric music, dance performance and brass band.

During the festival there will be local food, sweets and traditional local arts and crafts on sale.

Arubus has regular busses from all hotels areas to Oranjestad Central Terminal, which is only a short walk from Fort Zoutman. Round trip bus fare is \$2.30. The festival is from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Entrance fee is \$5.

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12 New York schools finally reopen post Sandy

NEW YORK (AFP) - Twelve New York schools with 5,400 students and staff finally reopened yesterday after repairs in the wake of superstorm Sandy, the mayor's office said.

However, another 18 schools still remained closed because of flooding damage from the October 29 storm, one of the strongest to hit the New York area. Students were being provided with alternative facilities, but often

at major inconvenience.

Last week, Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced the release of \$500 million for emergency repairs to still shuttered schools and three hospitals.

Hundreds of New York City homes deemed to be safety hazards after superstorm Sandy will be razed in a vast operation the office of Mayor Michael Bloomberg describes as "unprecedented."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Gaza death toll passes 100 as truce efforts build

GAZA CITY (AFP) - Israeli strikes killed 24 Palestinians yesterday, taking the Gaza death toll past 100 as UN chief Ban Ki-moon joined efforts to broker a truce to end the worst violence in four years.

As the violence raged for a sixth day, an Israeli missile killed a senior Islamic Jihad militant in a Gaza City tower housing Palestinian and international media, the second time in as many days the building has been targeted.

As Ban arrived in Cairo to push for a ceasefire, Hamas chief Khaled Meshaal said his movement was committed to efforts to secure a truce with Israel, but insisted the Jewish state must lift its six-year blockade of the Gaza Strip.

Terrified and desperate, many Gaza families have fled their homes, some seeking haven in the south which has seen fewer strikes. But they know nowhere is safe.

Mourners flocked to the funeral of nine members of one family killed in a weekend strike on a Gaza City home, the tiny bodies of the five children carried through the streets wrapped in Palestinian flags.

The violence, which comes as Israel gears up for a general election on January 22, raised the specter of a broader Israeli military campaign like its 22-day Operation Cast Lead, launched at the end of December 2008.

Analysts say Israel's leadership appears satisfied with the success of Operation Pillar of Defence and that could it be ready for a ceasefire.

But the Jewish state has signalled a readiness to expand the operation.

And Gaza's Hamas rulers have been emboldened after securing the support of the recently installed Islamist governments of Egypt and Tunisia.

The overall death toll from the Israeli raids on the Palestinian territory hit 101, with another 24 people killed yesterday.

The latest negotiations aimed at ending the conflict, conducted behind closed doors in Cairo, ended without agreement. But all sides have expressed a willingness to engage in more talks.

The Arab League's Arabi is due in Gaza today, accompanied by Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu, in the latest in a series of visits that have eased the long diplomatic isolation of the territory's Hamas rulers.

Israel was also seeking a ceasefire, with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu himself having "called the US, Europe and Egypt asking for a truce," said Meshaal.

"We are not against a calming, but we want our demands... to end the thuggery, to end the aggression and to lift the blockade," he said.

An Egyptian official who spoke to AFP before Meshaal's statement reported "encouraging signs."

"I hope, that maybe by the end of the day, we receive a final signal of what may be achieved to stop hostilities," he said.

"Both sides are saying a ceasefire is important and that there should be guarantees, but these guarantees are different."

Hamas is also understood to be seeking guarantees Israel will stop its targeted killings, like the one which killed a top military commander on Wednesday, sparking the current hostilities.

Israel has its own demands, with Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman insisting "the first and absolute condition for a truce is stopping all fire from Gaza."

Church of England to decide on women bishops

LONDON (AFP) - The Church of England's legislative body kicked off a three-day general assembly yesterday which will vote on whether to allow women bishops, in its biggest and most contentious decision for 20 years.

The 470-member General Synod will vote today on an issue which has split traditionalists and liberals, two decades after England's established state Church backed the introduction of women priests.

Women now make up one third of the Church's clergy but commentators say the vote could nonetheless be tight.

The meeting of the General Synod, which is formed of

three houses -- bishops, clergy and laity -- is taking place at Church House, in the shadow of Westminster Abbey in central London.

Rowan Williams, who as Archbishop of Canterbury is the Anglican Church's spiritual leader, backs the legislation.

Williams, who steps down in December after 10 years in the role, will be replaced by the Bishop of Durham Justin Welby, who also supports the change.

More than 1,000 Church of England members, including bishops and senior clergy, signed a letter in The Independent newspaper yesterday urging the Synod to vote in favour

of women bishops.

In a letter to The Times on Friday, 325 clergy opposed to the change said going ahead "will lead irrevocably to deep fractures appearing within the Church".

"The Bible teaches -- and the Church has traditionally understood -- that men and women are equal before God and yet have different, complementary, roles in the Church," they said.

The proposals to introduce women bishops have the backing of 42 out of 44 Church of England dioceses.

In order to clear the General Synod, they need a two-thirds majority in all three houses.

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Colombia's FARC rebels declare ceasefire as talks begin



Ivan Marquez, chief negotiator of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, answers questions at a press conference at the headquarters of the Cuban agency Prensa Latina in Havana, Cuba.

HAVANA (AFP) - Colombia's leftist FARC rebels yesterday declared a unilateral two-month ceasefire, at the start of talks in Cuba with the Bogota government on ending Latin America's longest-running insurgency.

"The leadership has ordered that all military operations against government forces come to a halt," the head of the delegation for the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, Ivan Marquez, said upon arrival at the Havana talks venue.

Marquez said the ceasefire would take effect at midnight tonight and last through January 20.

Negotiators for the government of Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos made no statement as they arrived at the convention center

in the Cuban capital.

The two sides symbolically opened peace talks in Norway last month, raising hopes that the decades-long conflict that has killed hundreds of thousands of Colombians may finally end.

Chief government negotiator Humberto de la Calle said before leaving Bogota that the round of talks would likely last about 10 days, at which time a start date for the next round would be agreed.

Negotiations to reach a final deal will likely last "months, not years," de la Calle said.

There are signs that Latin America's largest rebel group, founded in 1964 and believed to have some 9,200 armed fighters, may be ready for a deal after a long string of setbacks.

UN court moves Nicaragua-Colombia maritime border

THE HAGUE (AFP) - The UN's International Court of Justice yesterday awarded sovereignty over a group of Caribbean islands to Colombia, while granting a large swathe of sea territory to Nicaragua in a long-running dispute between the two countries.

The ICJ ruled in the dispute over the oil- and fish-rich region that the maritime frontier

between the two countries should be moved east, marking a territorial gain for Nicaragua.

"The court concludes that Colombia and not Nicaragua is sovereign over the seven islands," chief judge Peter Tomka told the Hague-based court.

The court found that Nicaragua had only begun claiming the islands in the 1970s, while Colombia had ex-

ercised effective sovereignty there "for decades".

But while the court effectively gave Colombia a chunk of Caribbean territory, it also gave Nicaragua sovereignty over a large swathe of the sea.

The court said there was a "major disparity" between the countries in the territory, which is physically much closer to Nicaragua than to Colombia.

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Press freedom prize goes to four journalists

NEW YORK (AFP) - Journalists from Brazil, China, Kyrgyzstan and Liberia were to be honored today at the 2012 International Press Freedom Awards in New York for taking huge risks to expose human rights violations in their countries.

The New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists said the four reporters "have faced severe reprisals for their work, including assault, threats, and torture."

They were to be honored at an awards dinner in New York, although two of them -- Kyrgyz reporter Azimjon Askarov and Tibetan Dhondup Wangchen -- were unable to attend as they are currently imprisoned.

"We are inspired by these journalists who have paid a high price for their enduring

dedication to the truth," said CPJ Executive Director Joel Simon.

The winners were:

-- Brazilian Mauri Koenig, an investigative reporter who has spent 22 years covering human rights abuses and corruption. Koenig was almost beaten to death while reporting for stories on the kidnapping of Brazilian children for military service in Paraguay and has received many death threats.

-- Wangchen, a Tibetan documentary filmmaker who made the film "Leaving Fear Behind" about his homeland ahead of the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. He was promptly detained and sentenced to six years in prison.

-- Askarov, a Kyrgyz journalist and human rights activist sentenced to life behind bars after writing about corruption and abuse of power. According to human rights groups, the criminal case against him was fabricated.

-- Mae Azango, a rare female journalist in Liberia, had to go into hiding after writing about female genital mutilation.

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'Virtual' child pornography call stirs Dutch debate

THE HAGUE (AFP) - A call by two Dutch sexologists for "virtual" child pornography to be legalised so as to assuage paedophiles' desires has sparked fierce debate in the Netherlands.

Sexologists Rik van Lunsen and Erik van Beek of Amsterdam University Hospital (AMC) last month floated the idea of creating child pornography using drawings or computer-generated images.

"If you make virtual child pornography under strict government control with some kind of label explaining that no child was abused, you can give paedophiles a way of regulat-

ing their sexual urges," Van Beek told AFP, calling for an enquiry or at least public debate on the issue.

Virtual child pornography -- including drawings, paintings or computer-generated images -- was made illegal in 2002 as rapidly developing technology made increasingly photorealistic images possible.

As with "traditional" child porn, creating, owning or sharing such images is currently punishable by up to four years in prison in the Netherlands.

"I think that repressing your fantasies can lead to frustration and, ultimately, for some types of paedophile, to a greater like-

lihood of doing something wrong," Van Beek said.

Around one percent of the Dutch population of 16.5 million has paedophile preferences, mainly men, but only a tiny fraction will ever abuse children, noted the sexologist.

Many of them will moreover never feel the need to live their sexuality through child pornography.

The two sexologists' suggestion sparked fierce debate in Dutch media, blogs and discussion forums, as the idea has turned out to be controversial even in the free-thinking Netherlands.

Health Benefits of Bananas



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- Consumption of just one banana anytime through the day makes one feel energetic. - They are a good source of potassium and magnesium which aid in maintaining normal blood pressure and are heart protective. - The high potassium content promotes bone health too. - They are a good source of carotenoids which are antioxidants and have a protective effect against chronic disease condition. - As with many fruits, bananas contain a good amount of vitamin C. - Banana contains iron so great food for anemic people. Banana can also be used in peptic ulcer. It neutralizes excess acidity and reduces irritation by coating the lining of the stomach. - Banana Shake can be very effective for hangover. You can add some honey as banana helps to calm the stomach. - By eating a banana you can indulge your sweet tooth without ruining your diet. A banana averages about only 110 calories.

Chinese street children found dead in dumpster

BEIJING (AFP) - The bodies of five street children have been found in a dumpster in southwest China after they climbed inside it to escape the night-time cold, state media reported.

The five boys aged about 10 died of carbon monoxide poisoning after apparently burning charcoal inside the trash container to keep warm, Xinhua news agency said.

Autopsies showed carbon monoxide poisoning was the cause of death, Xinhua quoted sources in a local branch of the ruling communist party as saying.

The week-end night low temperature in the mountainous city was 6 degrees Celsius

(43 degrees Fahrenheit).

The tragedy has sparked an outcry on the net, it said. A post on Sina Weibo, a Twitter-like microblogging service, had more than 2.5 million hits

While some users accused the local government of negligence, others said the parents of the children were also to blame, according to the news agency.

"It reminded me of The Little Match Girl by Hans Christian Andersen. Isn't it that such things only happen in fairy tales?" wrote one user called Saludika.

"What a cold world this must be for the five children!" said another, Lu_Yao.

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Eruption fears rise at New Zealand's 'Mount Doom'

WELLINGTON (AFP) - A New Zealand volcano that featured as Mount Doom in "The Lord of the Rings" movies is in danger of erupting as pressure builds in a subterranean vent, officials said on Monday.

The Department of Conservation (DOC) warned hikers to avoid the summit of Mount Ruapehu, saying that temperature readings by scientists indicated there was an increased risk of eruption at New Zealand's largest active volcano.

"The current situation can't continue, Ruapehu is so active that the temperatures have been going up and down a lot," DOC volcanic risk manager Harry Keys told Radio New Zealand.

"They generally haven't



gone up as we've expected for some weeks now and sooner or later that situation will be rectified, either in a small, relatively passive way, or with a significant eruption."

It said this indicated a vent was partially blocked, leading to increased pressure that made eruptions more likely "over the next weeks to months".

The 2,797-metre (9,177-foot) mountain last erupted in 2007, sending a lahar -- a fast-moving stream of mud and debris -- down the mountain but causing no injuries.

In 1953, a massive lahar from the mountain caused New Zealand's worst rail disaster when it washed away a bridge at Tangiwai and a passenger train plunged into the Whangaehu River, claiming 151 lives.

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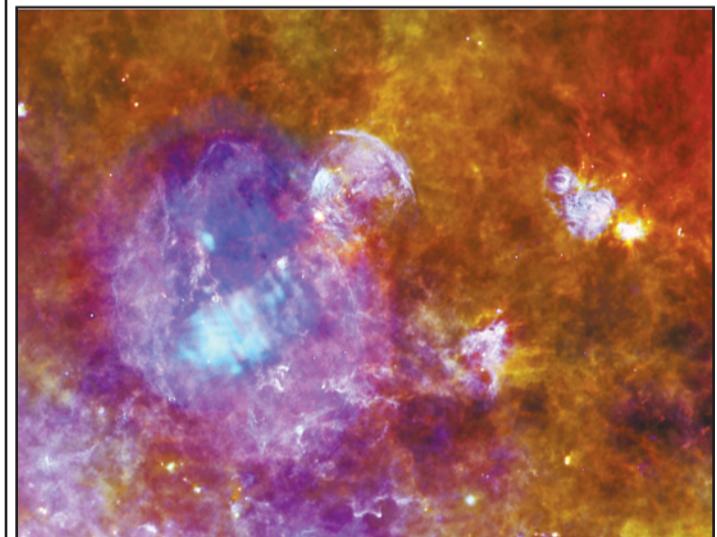
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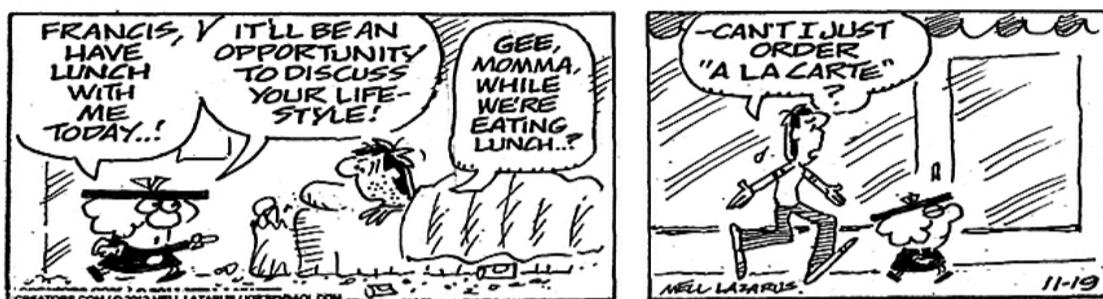
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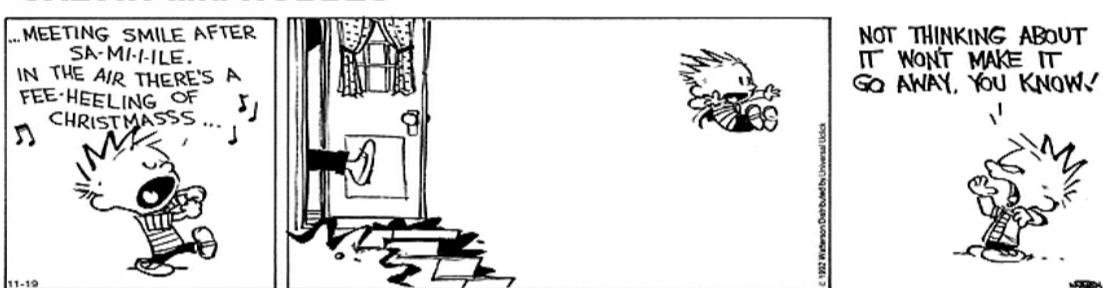
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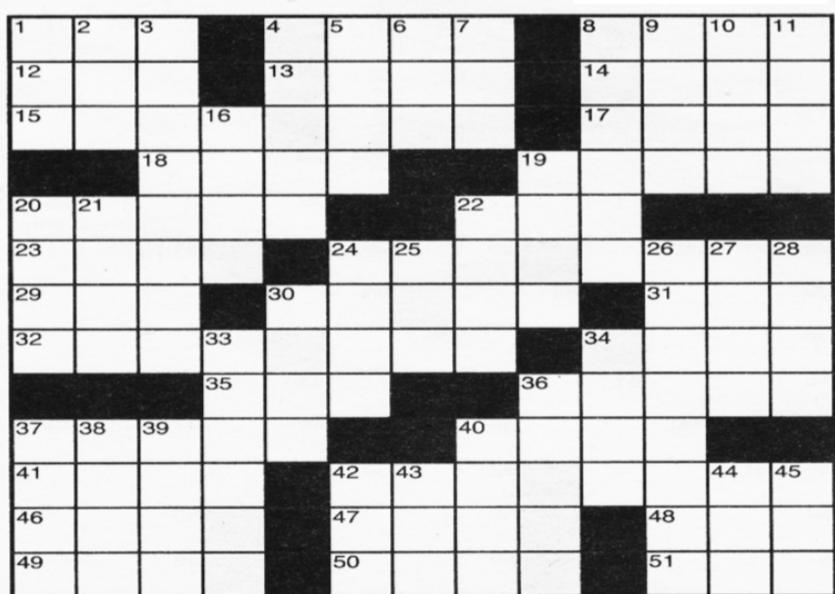
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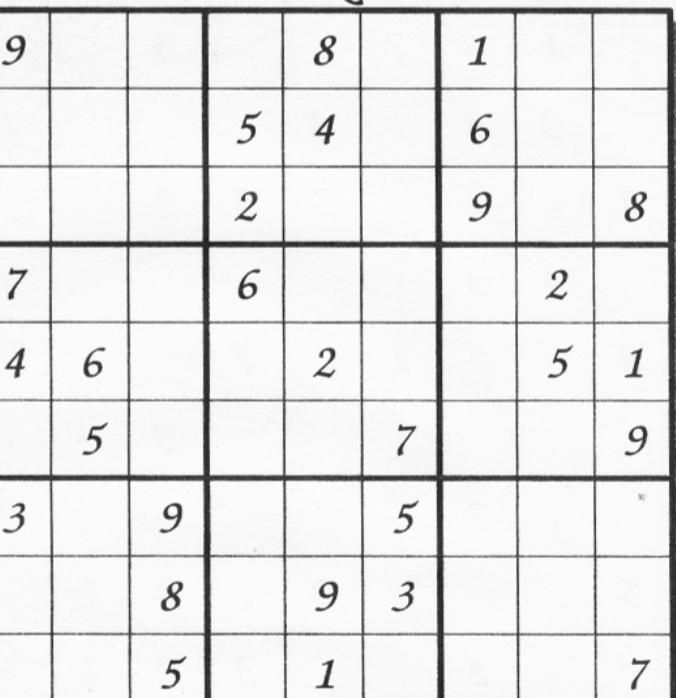


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Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9. A number is never repeated in a row or column. In addition, every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9.

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Finance

Wal-mart workers threaten protests on Black Friday

-- While bargain-hunting shoppers gear up this week for Black Friday, Walmart, the country's largest retailer, may be in for a blackout on one of the biggest shopping days of the year.

Walmart workers at 1,000 locations across the U.S. said they're angry that Walmart stores are opening at 8 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, and that they plan to strike to protest this holiday opening.

The company has responded with a complaint filed at the National Labor Relations Bureau. Wal-mart is asking for an injunction against the worker rallies, indicating that the world's biggest retailer—

and employer—takes these threats very seriously.

The workers on Friday will be protesting "Wal-mart's continuing retaliation against associates who speak out for better pay, affordable healthcare, improved working conditions, fair schedules, more hours, and most of all, respect."

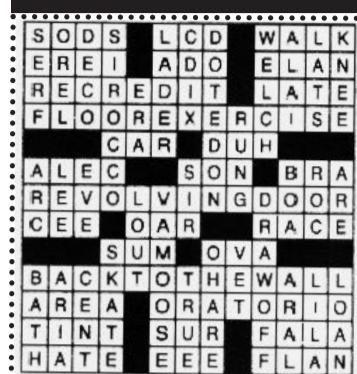
Walmart said that 1 million associates would be working throughout the holiday weekend. "We've been working on our Black Friday plans for almost a year now. We respect the rights of our associates to express their views but if they are scheduled to work, we expect them to show up and do their job."

UK shop closures at record 11.3%, highest in 15 months



More than one in 10 shops in British town centers are closed, as sales continued dropping and costs surged according to a survey from the British Retail Consortium (BRC) and Springboard market research. The national town center vacancy rate in the UK hit a record 11.3% in October 2012 (high streets and shopping centers), according to the report. Northern Ireland was the worst affected region with the rate reaching 20%. High vacancy rates were also recorded in Wales (15.1%) and the North & Yorkshire (14.6%). The data comes as several retailers such as electricals retailer Comet, sportswear group JJB Sports, video games retailer Game and greetings card firm Clinton Cards closed hundreds of shops after becoming insolvent.

MONDAY'S Crossword Answer



JPMorgan Chase to pay \$297 mn for US misdeeds

NEW YORK -- JPMorgan Chase said yesterday it had agreed to pay \$297 million to the US Securities and Exchange Commission to settle a dispute over sale of mortgage-backed securities.

Most of the punishable activity is attributed to Bear Stearns, the New York investment bank that JP Morgan bought urgently in 2008 in a deal organized by the Federal Reserve to prevent the imploding investment bank's losses from pulling down other banks.

Bear Stearns collapsed in 2007-2008, the first major casualty of the financial crash that was rooted in the imploding housing sector.

JPMorgan Chase on Oct. 12 reported a third-quarter profit of \$5.7 billion, up 34 percent from a year ago, as the bank showed signs of strength in consumer and corporate lending.

The finance ministers could thus require yet another meeting before the end of November that would probably be held by telephone.

Greece is "totally ready" for

Venezuela's industry slumps to levels recorded fifty years ago

CARACAS -- Venezuela's oil boom hides the downfall of the country's production apparatus. Oil revenues have so far concealed the country's reality. Just like under previous administrations, the Government led by President Hugo Chávez has not taken advantage of oil revenues to expand the national industry.

Imports have been the only way to meet growing demand. Moreover, official data shows signs of a weak industry. According to data recorded by the Central Bank of Venezuela, the country's gross domestic product (GDP) matches that of 50 years ago.

In 1965, manufacturing accounted for 14% of the GDP, the same figure recorded in the first half of 2012. Economist José Guerra asserted that said



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Switzerland	CHF	188.54	189.26	190.06
Netherlands	EUR	225.24	227.30	229.58
Sweden	SEK	25.31	26.03	26.83
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Norway	NOK	29.87	30.59	31.39
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Eurozone ministers wrestle with Greek debt, IMF split

the meeting today, Finance Minister Yannis Stournaras said yesterday.

"There are no longer any pending issues on our side. Greece is totally ready," Stournaras told reporters in Athens.

The country has been waiting since June for an instalment of aid worth 31.2 billion euros (\$40 billion) from a European Union-International Monetary Fund loan it was initially granted early this year.

By the end of the year, Greece is also due to receive two more aid payments, worth 5.0 and 8.3 billion euros, in exchange for which it has pledged to implement a series of unpopular austerity budget measures.

IMF head Christine Lagarde, who has clashed openly with Eurogroup head Jean-Claude Juncker on issues related to the Greek rescue plan, says the gathering is crucial to getting stricken Greece back on its feet and its debt mountain cut sharply to sustainable levels.

"It's a question of... making sure that we focus on the same objective, which is that... Greece can operate on a sustainable basis," Lagarde said on Friday.

Greece's debt burden is nearly 180 percent of GDP and expected to rise to 190 percent by 2014. That is about three times the EU's 60-percent limit and way beyond what the country can support, meaning it has to be reduced one way or another.

Under the current bailout, private sector creditors also agreed to write-off 100 billion euros of Greek debt, and it has been suggested that official creditors should now do the same -- an option both the IMF and the European Central Bank (ECB) rule out.

Pope calls on faithful to ignore doomsday warnings



VATICAN CITY (AFP) - Pope Benedict XVI called on Christians Sunday not to heed doomsday warnings that the world will end on December 21. During his weekly Angelus address from the window of his Vatican apartments on Saint Peter's Square, Benedict spoke of extracts from the bible which speak of "the sun and moon going out, the stars falling from the sky." Several films and documentaries have promoted the idea that the ancient Mayan calendar predicts that doomsday is next month, on December 21, 2012. But Benedict said that Jesus "does not describe the end of the world, and when he uses apocalyptic images, he is not acting the prophet. "On the contrary, he wants to stop his disciples of every epoch from being curious over dates, forecasts, and wants to give them the key to... the right road to walk today and tomorrow to enter into the eternal life," he added. As many as 90,000 people are expected to attend a massive event in Guatemala City on December 21, just in case the world actually does end, while tour groups are promoting doomsday-themed getaway.

Justin Bieber dominates American Music Awards



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Canadian pop star Justin Bieber had a big night at the American Music Awards, taking three prizes including the top honor, favorite artist of the year. The other two awards bestowed on the 18-year-old Sunday were favorite pop/rock male artist and favorite pop/rock album for his record "Believe." Rapper Nicki Minaj won the awards for favorite rap/hip hop album and favorite rap/hip hop artist. Rihanna won a prize for best soul/R&B album for "Talk that Talk." Taylor Swift took her fifth straight award for favorite country female artist. The awards ceremony was held in Los Angeles. Fans chose winners by voting online. French DJ David Guetta won the first-ever American Music Award for electronic dance music over DJs Calvin Harris and Skrillex. "It's wonderful also to see electronic music recognized at this level in the U.S.," Guetta said in a taped acceptance speech.

'Twilight' takes huge bite out of weekend movie sales



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The final chapter of the blockbuster "Twilight" vampire film franchise earned some \$138 million in its debut, taking a huge bite out of weekend movie ticket sales, industry estimates showed Sunday.

"The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part 2," is the fifth and final installment of the wildly popular series based on novels by Stephenie Meyer. The previous four films, starting with the 2008 series opener "Twilight," earned a colossal \$2.4 billion altogether.

In second place was the new James Bond movie "Skyfall," last week's top earner, which earned an estimated \$41.5 million, according to box office tracker Exhibitor Relations.

Third place went to the debut of the Steven Spielberg film "Lincoln," starring Daniel Day Lewis in the role of America's assassinated 16th president, which had \$21 million in ticket sales.

"Wreck-It Ralph," the animated Disney film about a video game villain with dreams of becoming a hero, earned \$18.3 million for fourth place.

Fifth went to the movie "Flight," a star vehicle for Denzel Washington, who plays a crash-landing pilot with substance abuse problems. It pulled in \$8.6 million.

In sixth place was "Argo," based on the true story of six Americans spirited out of Iran during the 1979-80 hostage crisis. The film directed by and starring Ben Affleck earned \$4 million.

"Taken 2," Liam Neeson's return as ex-CIA agent Bryan Mills, racked up \$2.1 million for seventh place.

The eighth spot went to "Pitch Perfect," a musical-comedy about a capella singing groups, which earned \$1.5 million.

Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef



Keshi Yena with plaintains, vegetables and pica

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese."

This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy and bargain-priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local. They are open from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM, daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

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5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walis are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an inter-

nationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers—the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy,

made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, (\$4.49 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-



most 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aaron's secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by

two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way—with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.



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AUSTIN (AFP) : Britain's Lewis Hamilton of Team Vodafone McLaren Mercedes celebrates on the podium after winning the United States Formula One Grand Prix at the Circuit of the Americas on November 18, 2012 in Austin, Texas. At right is third place finisher Ferrai driver Fernando Alonso of Spain and left is second place finisher Germany's Sebastian Vettel of Red Bull Racing.

Football: Barca going all out for Spartak win - Vilanova

MOSCOW (AFP) - Barcelona will go all out for victory in their Champions League match against Spartak Moscow on today in their bid to secure a place in the knockout phase as Group G winners, coach Tito Vilanova has vowed.

Spartak lie bottom of the group on three points but Vilanova insisted that nothing would be taken for granted of a side coached by former Va-

lencia boss Unai Emery. Vilanova added that after his team's shock 2-1 loss away to Celtic in the last round of matches, a full-strength squad had come to Russia.

Barcelona midfielder Cesc Fabregas was gearing up for a tough game, saying: "We all remember how well Spartak played at the Nou Camp.

Spartak coach Emery said that his team will try to play aggressive football against

Barcelona.

"To play against Barcelona means to face difficulties no matter what. However, we have reason for optimism because we are also a strong team and have won two of our last three games," Emery said.

"We will play our normal style of football and try to convert our opportunities. Our aim is to win on Tuesday as we want to reach the knockout stage."

Czechs beat Spain to secure Davis Cup win



PRAGUE (AFP) - The Czech Republic won the Davis Cup after a team led by Tomas Berdych and Radek Stepanek beat holders Spain 3-2 in the 100th final here on Sunday. The Czech Republic lifted their first Davis Cup since gaining independence following a 1993 split with Slovakia. The victory has handed the Czechs a rare team double after their women lifted the Fed Cup here two weeks ago -- a feat last achieved by the United States in 1990. Stepanek, the world number 37, beat 11th-ranked Almagro 6-4, 7-6 (7/0), 3-6, 6-3 on the super-fast hardcourt of Prague's O2 Arena in front of a frantic crowd of more than 14,000 fans.

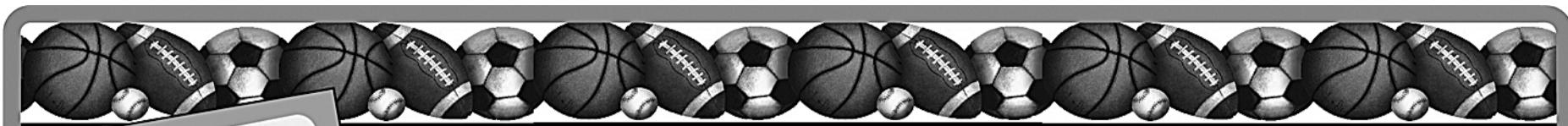


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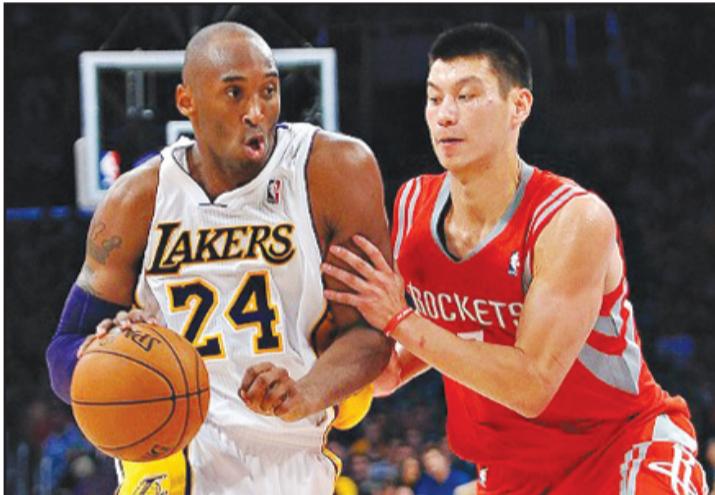
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NBA: High-flying Lakers shoot down Rockets



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Mike D'Antoni's coaching debut was put on hold but the Los Angeles Lakers won any-

way Sunday, beating the Houston Rockets 119-108 behind a triple double performance from superstar Kobe Bryant.

D'Antoni was hoping to make his Lakers head coach-

ing debut Sunday night, but decided hours before the game that he was not quite ready to return. He is recovering from knee replacement surgery earlier this month and is still on crutches.

Bryant finished with 22 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists and Dwight Howard had 28 points and 13 rebounds in the victory for Los Angeles, which recorded a season-high point total.

D'Antoni conducted the Lakers' practice for the first time Thursday, but wasn't on the bench for their 114-102 win against Phoenix on Friday or Sunday.

He is now planning on being ready to coach his first game today at home against Brooklyn.

The Lakers have gone 4-1 under interim head coach Bickerstaff.

Los Angeles began the year 1-4, which resulted in the sacking of Mike Brown.

The Lakers then passed on a chance to bring back 11-time NBA champion Phil Jackson after they hired D'Antoni on Monday last week.

Los Angeles have also been without Canadian Steve Nash, who won a pair of NBA MVPs running D'Antoni's up-tempo offence with Phoenix. Nash missed his eighth consecutive

game with a broken leg.

Chandler Parsons scored 24 points to lead the Rockets, who have lost six of their last eight games.

Bryant had 11 points in the first quarter Sunday, while Howard added 10 as the Lakers started quickly and led 40-29 heading into the second.

"It's wonderful," Bickerstaff said of the victory. "We are getting good shots. We still had little problem early with our defence. But the stretch where we took off a bit we got a little more aggressive on our defence."

NFL: Broncos - Chargers



DENVER, CO (AFP): Cornerback Champ Bailey #24 of the Denver Broncos tackles wide receiver Danario Alexander #84 of the San Diego Chargers after a reception at Sports Authority Field at Mile High on November 18, 2012 in Denver, Colorado. The Broncos defeated the Chargers 30-23.

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Cristiano Ronaldo now "unbuyable".



LONDON (AFP) - Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson has admitted he would be happy for Cristiano Ronaldo to return to the club but believes the Portuguese forward is now "unbuyable". Ronaldo spent six successful years at Old Trafford, notably winning the Champions League in 2008, before leaving for Real Madrid in a world-record £80 million (\$131.6 million, 93.9 million euros) transfer in 2009. Widely regarded as one of the two best players in the world, alongside Barcelona's Lionel Messi, Ronaldo remains a popular figure at United, but Ferguson concedes it is unlikely the 27-year-old will ever return. "Who could afford to buy him? There's talk of the Russians, perhaps. But do you think he would go to Russia? He complained about the weather here (in Manchester), let alone the middle of winter in Russia said Ferguson

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A sizzling Sunday on Eagle Beach Calbucci/Garavini are the champions of the Divi Resorts Aruba International Beach Tennis Event



The Italians have done it again! The team of Alessandro Calbucci and Marco Garavini won the Divi Resorts Aruba International Beach Tennis Event in a sizzling, awesome final against their countrymen Melliconi and Marighella, who could not keep up against the million-miles-a-second services and smashes. They fought, but lost (6-2/6-2). The Italian women were also victorious: Curzi/Cimatti defeated defending champions Johnson/Melch with great force and technique (6-1/7-5).

The four days that the Beach Tennis Event was made up of, were filled with fantastic matches in all categories, music, drinks, food and wonderful people, who were having the time of their lives. The large, happy group of Brazilians made a party of every day and night together with the players of other nationalities.

The set-up was grand, the vibes could be felt all over Eagle Beach. Kudos for organizers Sjoerd de Vries, Jochem Ros, Marc Kiezenbrink and for tireless Koen and Rein and their teams. The event was sponsored by the Aruba

Tourism Authority, Amstel Bright, Divi Resorts, Senor Frogs, Aruba Aloe and GTiAruba.

Results:

Pro Men: Cabucci/Garavini – Melliconi/Marighella (6-2/6-2)
Consolation Pro Men: De Costa/Alenca– Geerinck/Mees (9-5)

Pro Ladies: Curzi/Cimatti – Johnson/Melch (6-1/7-5)
Consolation Pro Ladies: boutens/Carie– Frassica/Zanuttini (9-6)

Advanced Ladies: Calves/Naef – Camara/Maciel (7-2)

Masters: Sa/Bruno – Jossy/JD
Advanced Men: Falcao/Pereira – Mora/Useliti (2-6/6-4/10-7)

IntermediMen: Andrade/Prince – Pinho/Gomes (7-5)

Fun Men: Ellery/Elmerlinde – De Weever/Vos (7-5)

Intermediate Ladies Fernandes/Bergan– Figueroa/Jimenez (7-0)

Fun Ladies: Kock/Scholliers – Peeters/vd Wielen (7-4)

Advanced Mix: Dorilis Werleman/Aat Hoek – Werleman/Hoek (7-5)

Intermediate Mix: Cristel/Peter – Damen/Damen (7-2)

Fun Mix: Maureen/Marco de Mooij – Debbie/Robert (7-3)

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Schedule finals Dobel AA 2012

#	Date	Day	Hour	Teams/Toss	Teams/Toss	Field	Scorer	MOD
1	20-11-12	Tuesday	20:00	Red Machine	Atco Concrete	Nadie/Crismo	Enser	Geerman
2	21-11-12	Wednesday	20:00	Atco Concrete	Red Machine	Nadie/Crismo	Laurant	Geerman
3	23-11-12	Friday	20:00	Red Machine	Atco Concrete	Nadie/Crismo	Enser	Martes
4	24-11-12	Saturday	20:15	Atco Concrete	Red Machine	Nadie/Crismo	Laurant	Chirino
5	27-11-12	Tuesday	20:00	Red Machine	Atco Concrete	Nadie/Crismo	Enser	Geerman
6	29-11-12	Thursday	20:00	Atco Concrete	Red Machine	Nadie/Crismo	Laurant	Martes
7	1-12-12	Saturday	20:00	Red Machine	Atco Concrete	Nadie/Crismo	Enser	Geerman

- Play-offs are to be played according to the rules applied during the 2012 Championship, besides the official baseball rules and Copabe Mayor
- Games 5, 6, and 7 will be played if there is a tie or other situation
- All teams are requested to be on TIME!;
- All teams must be well-uniformed: same shirts pants and caps;
- There is NO time-limit during the play-offs, that is why all games must start on time and finish on time; Good Behavior of coaches, Managers and players MUST be practiced at all times;
- Aggressive attitudes and insults towards another will NOT be tolerated at any time!
- Game protests must be done based on good motives and must refer to the articles thru which the games are protested, if not these protest will not be considered valid
- Good luck to all participating teams